IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the following.

-- An integrated circuit device has a memory area that includes a data memory. The data memory has a counter element and an indicator element. The counter element counts at least one number of occurrences of events within the device. When the counter element reaches a threshold value, which is indicative of a large maximum number of occurrences of the events, the indicator element goes from a first state to a second state.--